

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

April 1, 1999

Mr. Weldon H. Clark, Jr. 100 Heathwood Drive Liberty, SC 29657

re: MUR 4865

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter regarding the above-captioned Matter Under Review, which we received on March 19, 1999. Your letter has been processed as a supplement to your original complaint.

You asked in your letter whether the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA), or any other applicable law, provides "...protection to complainants ...relating [to] complaints forwarded to the FEC for investigation." Please be advised that the FECA does not specifically provide for protection from retribution or retaliation, or any other similar protection, for complainants such as yourself who file complaints with the Commission. However, you may have other protections or legal remedies available to you with respect to actions that may be taken as a result of your action in filing a complaint with the FEC. You may wish to consult your own attorney with respect to other protections that may be available to you.

Many thanks for your letter. We will advise you once the Commission has taken final action on your complaint. Please feel free to call me at (202) 694-1603 if we can be of any further assistance.

Very truly yours,

F. Andrew Turley

Supervisory, Aftorney

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